

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claim 2 and incorporate the substance thereof into independent Claim 1, as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A liquid container comprising:

a movable member which defines a space for containing liquid and which is displaced as said liquid is supplied to the outside;

a liquid containing chamber having a liquid supply port for supplying the contained liquid to the outside;

a one-way valve for allowing gas to be introduced into said containing space from the outside and for preventing said liquid from being delivered from said containing space to the outside; and

an introduction channel for coupling said one-way valve and said containing space to guide the introduced gas into said containing space,

wherein an intake port of said introduction channel located on the side of said containing space is positioned in an upper part of said containing space in an orientation in use; and

wherein at least part of said introduction channel including said intake port can follow up the displacement of said movable member.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently Amended) A liquid container as claimed in ~~Claim 2~~ Claim 1, wherein said at least part of said introduction channel comprises a flexible tube.

4. (Original) A liquid container as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said intake port is located in a position higher than the level of the liquid contained in said containing space in the orientation in use.

5. (Original) A liquid container as claimed in Claim 1, wherein a hydrophobic gas-permeable film is disposed at said intake port.

6. (Original) A liquid container as claimed in Claim 1, wherein a liquid absorbing member is disposed in said introduction channel.

7. (Original) A liquid container as claimed in Claim 6, wherein said liquid absorbing member comprises a porous body.

8. (Original) A liquid-using apparatus which can be connected to a liquid container as claimed in Claim 1 and which uses a liquid supplied from said containing space.

9. (Original) A liquid container as claimed in Claim 1, wherein ink as a printing material is contained as said liquid.

10. (Original) An ink jet printing apparatus, wherein a liquid container as claimed in claim 9 and a printing head for ejecting ink supplied from said container are used to perform printing.

11. (Original) An ink jet cartridge comprising:
a liquid container as claimed in claim 9; and
a printing head for ejecting ink supplied from said container.

12. (Original) A liquid container as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said one-way valve has a blocking member capable of blocking out the atmosphere from said introduction channel which leads to said containing space and an urging member which generates an urging force rendering said blocking out, and, when a pressure within said containing space becomes less than a predetermined value, said introduction channel opens so as to communicate with the atmosphere against the urging force of said urging member.